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TEN CENTS A WEEK

SIXTEEN CHILDREN BURNED TO DEATH

Montreal School Building Reg-
ular Death Trap.

THE PRINCIPAL ALSO PERISHED

Miss Maxwell, Despite Firemen,
Rushes Into Burning Building To
Rescue Little Ones and Never Re-
turned—No Fire Escapes.

Montreal, Quebec, Feb. 28.—
Principal Maxwell and sixteen chil-
dren perished in a fire which broke
out in Hochelaga School of the Pro-
testant school commission. The
school was located in a brick, two-
story building in the east end of the
city and was attended by about 200
children, whose parents are mechan-
ics living in the neighborhood. The
fire started from the furnace and was
first noticed by workmen employed
nearby. The teachers were notified,
and the work of getting the children
out of the building began.

The kindergarten department was
located on the second floor, and it
was the last to be evacuated.

The children were started out but
on reaching the landing found the
lower hall full of smoke. Into this
they refused to descend, though the
way at this time was quite safe. Hud-
dled together on the stairway at first
they retreated to the rooms from
which they had gone. When the
firemen arrived an extension ladder
was placed in position and a large
number of children were rescued in
this way.

Assisting in the work was Miss
Maxwell. The fire by this time was
making its way upwards and the
smoke was growing so dense that even
the experienced firemen could not
stand it.

Captain Carson endeavored to get
Miss Maxwell to go down the lad-
der, but she refused, and evading
the attempt to detain her, rushed
back into the back part of the build-
ing in search of others of the little
ones.

When the firemen were finally able
to make their way to the back por-
tion of the building, she was found
lying on the floor with a little one
beside her.

All those who perished died from
asphyxiation.

The building was not provided with
fire escapes.

Terrible Threat of Raisuli.

Tangier, Feb. 28.—The bandit
Raisuli, though he has been driven
from his stronghold at Sienat and is
now hiding in the mountain fastness-
es, a day's march hence, still craves
vengeance on the heads of those who
have routed him and his followers.
In time, he says, his home at Sienat
will be rebuilt with the bodies and
bones of the Sultan and the tribes-
men who destroyed it. He has no
fear of the inevitable desertion of the
Shereefian army, because of unpaid
wages. The bandit is most bitter
against the Sultan and the foreign
board, and he lets no chance escape
to heap vituperation upon them. Rai-
suli is plentifully supplied with
money, and it is this fact that causes
him much uneasiness, his great ter-
ror being that some of his followers
will murder him in order to obtain
his wealth.

Serious Mutiny of Convicts.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 28.—Disor-
ders have broken out among the con-
victs at the Akatul silver mines in
southern Siberia, on account of the
strict discipline. One hundred and
fifty high political offenders have
been placed in chains and many, in-
cluding Mille, Maria Spiridonovo,
who shot and killed Chief of the Se-
ret Police Luzhenoffsky at Tambov,
and other women, have been removed
to the penal colonies for the confinement of
criminals.

Man in Paris Dead.

Paris, Feb. 28.—A man who was
killed in July,

JOHN BULLARD TO BE HANGED.

Prison Commission Turns Down Ap-
plication for Clemency.

Atlanta, Feb. 28.—John Bullard,
the Cobb county white man, who
murdered his daughter, and gave no
other reason for his crime except to
say "It was necessary," will have to
go to the gallows on Friday, March
1. So Bullard has but two days
more to live.

Bullard's attorneys, Herbert Clay
and J. J. Northcutt, appeared before
the prison commission and interceded
in Bullard's behalf for a commuta-
tion to life imprisonment. The prin-
cipal ground seemed to be that Bul-
lard is suffering from consumption,
and will not live long anyhow.

After a full hearing the commis-
sion declined to recommend clemency
and sent the papers to Governor Ter-
rell with the word "declined" written
across them. There is practically
no doubt that the governor will ap-
prove the recommendation made by
the commission.

The governor recently, at the re-
quest of Bullard's attorneys, appoint-
ed a commission, composed of phy-
sicians to examine into Bullard's san-
ity. They reported that Bullard was
of sound mind. This disposed of
his last hope outside of the prison
commission, and now that is gone.

BIG SALES OF PINE TIMBER.

Industry in Georgia Has Reached
Large Proportions.

Columbus, Ga., Feb. 28.—The
magnitude and great value of the pine
timber interests in Georgia and Ala-
bama are illustrated by large trans-
actions reported this week in the
Industrial Index.

In a section adjacent to Waycross,
Ga., 200,000,000 feet of timber has
been purchased by Georgia and Flori-
da capitalists, who will establish one
of the largest saw mills in the coun-
try, and build a railroad through the
tract. Alabama and Chicago capital-
ists have consummated a deal for 100,-
000,000 feet of pine timber which is
located about 150 miles north of Mo-
bile. This will be developed. A
\$1,000,000 lumber company at Thom-
asville, Ga., has purchased a rail-
road 17 miles in length, and will ex-
tend it 15, and possibly 45 miles.

Charged with Striking Young Girl.

Atlanta, Feb. 28.—Charged with
striking a 15-year-old girl, Miss Eliza-
beth Strickland, Tuesday, Lem Mc-
Donald, second foreman of one of the
departments at the Exposition mills,
was arrested on a warrant sworn out
by W. H. Strickland, the father of
the little girl, for assault and bat-
tery. According to Miss Strickland's
account of the affair, McDonald came
up to her while she was working in
the cotton mill, where she is employ-
ed as an operator, and gave her an
order, which she refused to carry
out, because she did not understand
it, and then he slapped her in the
face. She states that the attack
was entirely without provocation, as
she was in the dark in regard to what
the foreman wanted her to do, and
so could not govern herself accord-
ingly.

100th Anniversary of Longfellow.

Boston, Feb. 28.—The universal
regard in which the memory of Hen-
ry Wadsworth Longfellow is held,
was given expression throughout New
England Wednesday by exercises com-
memorating the one hundredth anni-
versary of the poet's birth. In Maine,
where the poet was born, and in Mas-
sachusetts, where he spent so many
of the important years of his liter-
ary life, the principal public obser-
vations were held, but there was
scarcely a public school or literary
society in this city which devoted
some time to the memory of the man
whose writings touched the common
heart.

Struck at Dog, Gun Fired.

Columbia, S. C., Feb. 28.—Robert
Keller, 36 years old, a wealthy citi-
zen of Orangeburg, accidentally shot
himself from the effects of which he
will probably die. Keller had just
returned from a day's hunting and
was assorting the game when his dog
snatched one of the birds. Keller
snatched at the dog with the butt of

ENGINEER STEVENS QUITS PANAMA CANAL

Isthmian Situation Still Keeps
Up Its Records

FOR LIGHTNING-LIKE CHANGES

Roosevelt Rejected the Bids Because

He Says the Bankers and Not the
Contractors, Would Have Gotten
the Bulk of the Profits.

Washington, Feb. 28.—By an or-
der addressed to the Isthmian canal
commission, President Roosevelt, as
far as it lay in his power under ex-
isting law, transferred to the engi-
neer bureau of the army the respon-
sibility for the further construction of
the Panama canal.

He also, in the same order which
took the form of a letter addressed
to the chairman of the commission,
Mr. Shonts, himself about to retire
from all connection with the enter-
prise, formally recorded the abandon-
ment for the present at least of the
project of having the canal work done
by contract on the percentage sys-
tem.

Another feature of the order was
the announcement of the resignation
of John E. Stevens, as engineer in
charge of the canal construction. Mr.
Shonts is in New York, where he will
preside at a meeting of the directors
of the Panama Railroad company, of
which he is president, and will, it is
expected, formally resign that office.

The intention of the president is
that there shall be an entire reorgani-
zation of the commission with three
army officers of the engineer corps its
leading members, who are to have
charge of the engineering features of
the canal work. The chairman and
engineer in chief of the commission
will be Major G. W. Goethals, and
his associates will be Major D. D. B.
Gallard, and Major William L. Sil-
bert, to rank in the order named.

These officers are all comparatively
young, ambitious and energetic mem-
bers of the corps.

The reorganization is to become
effective immediately upon the confir-
mation and retirement of the old com-
mission. Senator Joseph C. C. Black-
burn, of Kentucky, who retires from
the United States senate on the 4th of
March, is to be made a member of the
reorganized commission. The nomi-
nations of the present commission
now pending before the senate in-
clude Messrs. Shonts, Stevens,
Haines, Endicott, Herrod, Gorgas
and Jackson Smith. Their confir-
mation is desired in order to remove all
doubt as to the legality of certain acts
they have performed in connection
with the making of contracts.

The retirement of Messrs. Shonts
and Stevens will leave but two va-
cancies, so that there will be two
more retirements necessary to make
way for three army officers and Sen-
ator Blackburn. As he told his col-
leagues, the president is determined that
the work on the canal shall proceed
continuously and thoroughly, and the
temporary "dislocations" which may
come as a result of the resignations
of higher officials, will not be allowed
to interfere with progress.

The president is unaware of the
special reasons which have been in-
fluential in prompting Mr. Stevens'
resignation. It surprised him very
much, for as late as the middle of
December, when he was here, Mr.
Stevens made no mention of his wish
to retire in the near future. Criti-
cisms aimed at him in connection
with canal work and he has been dis-
posed to complain somewhat about
them. Some of this criticism came
out during the hearings before com-
mittees of congress. The salary
question is also understood to have
had an important bearing on his re-
tirement.

It is understood that Mr. Stevens
is leaving the government's service
to accept a position in connection with
a great engineering enterprise in this
country at an annual salary more than
double that he now receives from the
government.

Oliver for Canal Commission.

pal points in the south Wednesday
urging President Roosevelt to name
W. J. Oliver as a member of the
Panama canal commission and put
him in charge of the work at Pana-
ma.

STRUCK WIFE; WAS ARRESTED.

Theatrical Man Finds Wife Beating
Unprofitable in Georgia.

Macon, Ga., Feb. 28.—It took two
trials for Joseph Durning, a white
man who follows a theatrical com-
pany, to find that a man who offers
trouble in the way of wife-beating,
has a hard time when he mixes up
with the courts.

Durning was taken into custody at
the Reeves house after his wife had
called for help. She said he had
slapped her face. The man was fined
\$15 in police court. His wife, Mrs.
Mabel Durning, who is an attractive
woman, was at police court, and
made the statement upon which the
prisoner was fined.

Soon after he paid the fine and
left the court he overtook his wife
on the way from court to the hotel,
and it was stated, again offered such
abuse as caused a second arrest. He
is now at police station awaiting a
hearing on the charge of wife beat-
ing and also has a peace warrant
out against him. Both papers were
sworn out by his wife. There will
be a hearing. The two came here
several weeks ago in a theatrical
company, and when Durning left, it
was said his wife did not want to go,
and refused. His efforts to carry
her away from Macon caused the dis-
turbance.

President Castro Recovering.

Washington, Feb. 28.—A letter
received at the Venezuelan legation
on Wednesday from Dr. Paul, the
secretary of state dated Feb. 16,
states that President Castro is mak-
ing satisfactory strides towards re-
covery. The same letter gave the
details of the killing of General Pa-
redes, the revolutionary leader, and
his followers, the statement being
that after they were captured on Feb.
12, at a point near the Orinoco river
not very far from where they landed,
they were taken to an old fortress,
called the castle. Two days later
Paredes endeavored to bribe his
guards to permit them to escape and
this the guards interpreted as muti-
ny, with the terrible results for the
life of General Paredes and his men,
and ended unhappily for the latter for
their "mutiny."

Rurales Butchered by Bandits.

San Antonio, Tex., Feb. 28.—A
special to the Express from Mazat-
lan, Tex., says: Six rurales, as
they lay asleep in the shelter of the
rocks in the vicinity of Tepic, were
butchered by the notorious bandit,
Enrique Chavez, and his band. The
ranchmen and farmers on the Tepic
district are in a condition bordering
on panic, as it is rumored that Chav-
ez has gathered around him other
men as bloody and cruel as himself.
Many efforts have in the past few
months been made to capture Chav-
ez, but his luck, nerve and knowl-
edge of the country have always
saved him.

Railroad President Haled to Court.

Enid, Okla., Feb. 28.—Just be-
fore he began a speech at the cham-
ber of commerce, Thomas L. Win-
chell, president of the Rock Island
system was served with a subpoena
to appear in Enid on April 16 as a
witness in a mandamus suit filed by
Attorney General Cromwell, to com-
pel the Rock Island to furnish cars,
equipment, etc. President Win-
chell was accompanied by a number of
other officials of the system stopped
off at Enid and became the guests
for a few hours of the business men.

Italian Queen Weds American.

New York, Feb. 28.—Baron Chas.
V. Bendetti, of Florence, Italy, and
Miss Jeannette Locke, a grand opera
singer of Lexington, Ky., were mar-
ried in this city by the Rev. Henry
M. Warren. Their courtship, it is
said was a romantic one. The bar-
oness will not give up her operatic
career. She has an arrangement to
sing next winter in grand opera at
Milan. Her husband has a winter
castle in the south of Italy, where
they will go for a short stay. He
is now in Florence.

SISTER'S HUSBAND KILLED BY BROTHER

Who Seek to Justify Their
Action

UNDER THE "UNWRITTEN LAW"

Court Room Cleared of Curious
Throng—Aside from the Struggle
Brothers, Interest Accrues
Continued Illness of Witness.

Culpepper, Va., Feb. 28.—When
James and Philip Strother indicted
for the murder of William F. By-
waters, their brother-in-law on the
night of Dec. 15th last, can show
justification under the "unwritten
law," now hinges on the strength
of the testimony introduced by the
witness and in their defense, with
the opening of circuit court Wed-
nesday. With the closing of the
state's case Tuesday afternoon the de-
fense announced that Mrs. Viola
Bywaters, the bride of an hour, in
protection of whose honor the
brothers declare they killed the
other, was the witness.

At the trial, the witness was
largely in the hands of the
on the witness stand. Her contin-
ued illness has accentuated this in-
terest to such an extent that Judge
Harrison was compelled to enforce the
arbitrary rule of denying admission
the court to any except those di-
rectly connected with the proceedings
the trial Wednesday.

Instead of the limited space of
court room being occupied by friends
of the Strother and Bywaters fam-
ilies, as has been the case up to
Wednesday, when Judge Harrison
announced the court in session, only
court officers, the opposing counsel
and newspaper representatives were
present.

Mrs. Bywaters will be questioned
by Commonwealth Attorney J. A.
Keith and Captain Michael J.
Hood, his associate, although she
on their ability to shatter the just-
ification plea by her brothers through
her story told to the jury.

Progress of Thaw Trial.

New York, Feb. 28.—Evelyn
Thaw was recalled by counsel on
Wednesday morning to answer a
more question by District Attorney
Jerome. In beginning his exami-
nation of Dr. Bingham, Thaw
said again: "If I find this man
crazy, I'll say so." Mr. Delmas
said the defense would conclude its
case this week. Mr. Delmas ob-
jected to Dr. Bingham being exam-
ined, as an expert, and was sus-
tained. Mr. Jerome then said he
would call Dr. Bingham as a wit-
ness for the state in rebuttal this
week. Dr. B. D. Evans was
called for cross-examination. He
was on the stand when the court ad-
journed for recess.

Claimed To Be Tichborne Heir.

New York, Feb. 28.—In the
wing of the King's county hospital at
Bush, lies the body of an old man
who called himself Roger Charles
Tichborne, and claimed to be Sir
Roger Tichborne, the "lost heir" of
Tichborne estates in England. He
died Monday of apoplexy. In
appearance he was tall and disting-
uished. To one of his hospital
nurses he said he filed a claim to the
Tichborne estates in England 25
years ago, but had lost his papers at
sea. These papers would have proved
descent and established his rights.

Big Reward for Rebel Leader.

El Paso, Tex., Feb. 28.—The
Mexican government has offered
a \$1,000 reward for the capture of
Antonio Villareal, leader of Mexi-
can revolutionists who escaped from
immigration office Tuesday in this
city.

Two Firemen Killed.

New York, Feb. 28.—Two fire-
men were killed and eleven others
were rendered unconscious by fumes at
a fire in a basement of a building in
the city. The condition of the